[Mr. A. Narayana Pillai.]

(*b*) whether the pay of the teachers has been withheld subsequent to the revision;

(*c*) whether there has been any complaint about the withholding of pay subsequent to the revision; and

(*d*) if so, the action taken on the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The pay of the teachers was revised in accordance with the principles laid down in G. O. R. Dis. No. 406 of 29/Edn., dated 25-4-1929 and also in the subsequent orders issued from time to time on the subject.

(*b*) Subsequent to the revision the pay of no teacher has been withheld *in full*, but a portion of the pay of such of the teachers as were promoted or confirmed on the old scales of pay with retrospective effect from dates prior to 1-1-1104 has been withheld pending sanction of Government.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The sanction of Government referred to in part (*b*) above has now been given and action is being taken for the arrears due to the teachers concerned being drawn and disbursed.

Abolition of allowance to manual training teachers in vernacular schools.

399. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any allowance was given to the manual training teachers in vernacular schools;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the scales of pay of the teachers who were receiving such allowance with the rates of the allowance;

(*c*) the grounds on which this allowance was originally sanctioned; and

(*d*) the grounds upon which this allowance is abolished as per G. O., dated the 18th June, 1932?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 15-1/2-18 *plus* Rs. 3 Manual training allowance.
Rs. 20-1/2-25 *plus* Rs. 5 Manual training allowance.

(*c*) In consideration of the teachers' extra qualification and special nature of their work.

(*d*) As a measure of retrenchment.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to part (*c*), what is the extra qualification possessed by these teachers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Manual training.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have they undergone any special training in manual training?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; in the Training College.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): For how many months?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know the special nature of their work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think the member knows that the teaching of manual training is not like ordinary teaching.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Do they teach manual training in addition to the ordinary teaching work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No; they have to teach only manual training.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In the light of their extra qualification and the special nature of their work, do not the Government now consider that they deserve some allowance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Whether they deserve it or not, Government, as a measure of retrenchment, and owing to the exigencies of their finances, cut the allowances of these teachers along with the allowances of several other officers.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it because Government think that the cut would not seriously affect these teachers that the cut was made?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They may be affected to the extent of the loss in their emoluments. But, Government considered, on grounds of financial necessity, that this was an allowance which could stand cutting.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What are the grounds on which the Government came to that conclusion?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): These teachers also are engaged in their work only during the ordinary hours of work.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): When they were asked to undergo this special training, were they not made to understand that they would be entitled to some allowance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No doubt the then G. O. stated that they would get an allowance. But there was no contract with them.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): They underwent the training with the hope that they would get some allowance.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are many other officers who have also now lost their allowance in spite of such understanding and hope.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Do not these these teachers now continue to teach the subject?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Had not these gentlemen to undergo additional expenditure during the course of their special training?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They were getting stipends then.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Do not the Government consider that the present cut would seriously affect these lowpaid officers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It naturally affects all officers who have suffered it, low-paid or high-paid.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Does it not affect the low-paid officers to a greater extent?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It need not necessarily affect them more, because their allowance is comparatively small.

Appointment of Supervisors in the Public Works Department during 1105—1106.

460. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they will lay on the table a list showing the names and qualifications of P. W. D. Supervisors appointed from 1-5-1105 till the end of 1106;

(*b*) whether there are any instances in which juniors among the acting hands were retained in service while seniors were disbanded during 1105 and 1106;

(*c*) whether the acting hands already disbanded during 1105 and 1106 are to be re-entertained in service, and, if so, on what principle;

(*d*) whether there are instances in which the claims of those who have acted were overlooked and outsiders recommended during 1105 and 1106; and

(*e*) whether there are any rules formulated by them or the Chief Engineer for guidance regarding this matter, and, if so, whether they will lay a copy of the same on the table?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The list* is placed on the table.

(*b*) Yes, when Government interest and consideration of merit needed it.

(*c*) Yes, when suitable vacancies occur provided the reports about them during their acting period were satisfactory. Their re-entertainment will be based on their qualifications, previous acting service and merit.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No. The question of formulating rules is under the consideration of Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I take it that when the juniors were retained in service in preference to seniors, the seniors had been found inefficient?

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